

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### CHANGE OF FACULTY STANDING ORDERS: IMPLEMENTATION OF STRUCTURED PHD and MMED/MDENT

Effective 1<sup>ST</sup> July, 2022

All new PhD, MMed and MDent postgraduate students who register for their studies (effective from 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2022 onwards) are required to comply with the below criteria.

#### **A. Completion of Compulsory Courses in Year 1 of Study**

There are two compulsory courses each with an MCQ quiz to be completed in the first year of study for PhDs, MMeds and MDents. Failure to complete these requirements within the 12 months of year 1 registration may result in de-registration of the candidate from the degree.

1. Research Methodology, which is available online on Ulwazi (this course may also be offered by your Department/School, please check with them).
2. Basic Applied Statistical Methods using STATA and STATISTICA which is available online on Ulwazi or Teams.

Please complete attached booking forms to get access to the courses. Email the completed forms to: [courses.health@wits.ac.za](mailto:courses.health@wits.ac.za).

#### **B. MCQ Quizzes for both Compulsory Courses**

All postgraduate students, regardless of which courses they complete (Health Sciences Research Office (HSRO) or School/Department specific) must complete the same MCQ quiz for each course, available online on Ulwazi.

The MCQ quiz can be accessed at any time. Candidates will have 30 minutes only to complete each quiz. Once they have passed the MCQ quiz, a certificate of completion will be issued.

If a candidate fails the quiz on their first attempt, they will have to contact the HSRO at [courses.health@wits.ac.za](mailto:courses.health@wits.ac.za) to arrange a repeat MCQ quiz.

#### **C. Discussion Sessions on the content of the Compulsory Courses**

The HSRO staff will be available once a week on Teams, at dedicated times to provide online assistance with each of the courses. The below information is also available on Ulwazi.

Dr Ajith will be available to assist with any questions on the content of the Research Methodology Course, online every Tuesday from 1pm to 3pm.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 364 688 179 357

Passcode: VyEDDk

Professor Libhaber will be available to assist with any questions on the content of the Basic Applied Statistical Methods using STATA and STATISTICA, online every Thursday from 1pm to 3pm.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 345 747 217 555

Passcode: ZSZcjS

**D. Completion of Compulsory Courses in Year 2 of Study, for PhDs only**

There are two compulsory courses each with an MCQ quiz to be completed in the second year of study for PhDs.

These include Scientific Writing Skills and Presentation Skills that will be made available during 2023, in the same/similar format as above.

**E. Availability of other, non-compulsory courses through the HSRO**

All candidates can access any of the other courses that are on offer through the HSRO, either face to face, or online. Please check emails for notification of upcoming courses, or contact [courses.health@wits.ac.za](mailto:courses.health@wits.ac.za)

For any other queries please email: [anushka.ajith@wits.ac.za](mailto:anushka.ajith@wits.ac.za)